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SLOW PROGRESS OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been slow progress of the infrastructure projects in various sectors such as power, road, port, telecom and railway in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Committee on Infrastructure has reviewed these projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(d) the reasons responsible for slow progress in each of such projects; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to expedite for timely completion of each of these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING(SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) : Power: During the Tenth Plan 21080.24 MW additional generation was added as against target of 41109.84 MW. The likely expenditure of the central power sector during the Tenth Plan is Rs. 90677.85 crores as against an outlay of Rs.117050.64 crores.
Railways: The Railways has seen a remarkable turn around in the Tenth Plan. The originating freight traffic during the terminal year of the Tenth Plan has been Rs.728.4 million tonnes as against target of 624 million tonnes. Similarly, the originating passenger traffic for the terminal year of the Tenth Plan has been 6352.07 million as against target of 5686 million.

Roads: The expenditure of the central sector has been Rs. 48593.95 crores as against 10th Plan outlay of Rs. 59490.00 crores.

Ports: The 13 major ports handled 463.80 million tones cargo in 2006-07 as against 10th Plan projected traffic of 415.00 million tonnes. The expenditure of the central port sector during the Tenth Plan has been Rs. 2891.45 crores as against an outlay of Rs.5418.29 crores.

Telecom: The teledensity target of the 10th Plan was exceeded by 149%.

(b) to (e) : The Committee on Infrastructure regularly reviews progress of key infrastructure projects to ensure that established targets are realized. The Empowered Sub- Committee of the CoI also regularly reviews the progress of various infrastructure sectors.

The Eleventh Plan, under formulation, outlines a comprehensive programme for development of infrastructure. The total investment needed in infrastructure defined to include power, roads, railways, ports, airports, telecommunications, irrigation, drinking water and sanitation and storage will have to increase from an estimated 5% of GDP in 2006-07 to almost 9% by the terminal year of the Eleventh Plan.